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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
George:

1. You are well aware of the "Directors' Portrait Gallery" on the first floor of the building. I should like to explain the procedures we have used in times past and, then, ascertain what would be your pleasure.
2. Up to and including the tenure of Admiral Raborn the portraits were painted after the individuals had left office. Commencing with Dick Helms, and including Dr. Schlesinger and Bill Colby, we have had the portraits painted while the incumbent was in office. It was suggested to me some time back by my appropriate people that I call this matter to your attention. You were, however, very heavily scheduled and I decided to wave off. If you think your schedule is now such that you can allow some time for the necessary sittings, we can start to pursue the issue. We will be prepared to offer candidates to do the portrait or it may be that you have an individual in mind for the task.
3. I would appreciate your reaction to the matter.

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake

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